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A western orchestra was organized by the North Brothers in 1935, and has been in great demand since throughout Wasatch County and other areas for wedding dances, church socials and public dances. Members of the orchestra include Howard North, Spanish guitar; Raymond North, accordion and harmonica; Garth North, banjo and tenor guitar; 626

#### THE SIMPLE JOYS

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Lavon Hair, saxophone and guitar; Keith Montgomery, bass fiddle and Don Ryan, Spanish guitar and mandolin.

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A young, new musical group gaining prominence in Midway is the Three D's, composed of young guitarists and singers, Richard Jones, Dale Pugh and Dwayne Meeks. They often entertain at the Homestead and other places in the area. They, along with many other young people in Midway who are beginning to prove themselves musically, show promise that the musical future of Midway is bright, and that music will always be a basic part of the community life. 628

# DAVID WOODRUFF AND CLARISSA VAN WAGONER PROVOST

Born January 29, 1850, at Newark, New Jersey, son of Luke and Julia Ann Wheeler Provost. Married Clarissa Van Wagoner October 22, 1876 by Bishop David Van Wagoner, brother of the bride. Died June 13, 1933, Midway.

Clarissa Van Wagoner Provost, born December 22, 1858, Provo, Utah. Daughter of John Halmah Van Wagoner and Clarissa Tappen. Died March 16, 1940, Midway.

## 7 BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



David Woodruff Provost, second son in his family, truly added his strength to the pioneers of Midway and Wasatch County. He lived with and helped support his widowed mother and her family until he married.

He was a Black Hawk War veteran. He was captain of the Ira N. Jacobs Company in Utah Militia Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor presented by the State of Utah. "Uncle Dave" carried the first tape in the original survey of Midway. He also held the first plow for the first irrigation ditch made in Midway.

He played the snare drums in the Martial Band for years.

He and his brother, Luke, owned their own brick kiln and made brick which they sold to build many homes in Wasatch County. He was a brick layer, good carpenter, shoemaker, barber, butcher, wood carver and farmer. He did lots of step dancing for public entertainment.

With the help of his good wife, Clara, they raised a big family. Many sad experiences came into their home, such as sudden death and much sickness. Times were hard for them, but in spite of this, their home was open to the public at all hours. Many friends both young and old came for musical entertainment and good visiting. They raised three children of their son, Luke, whose wife had died leaving the tiny tots to their care.

Aunt Clara was a spotless housekeeper and a good cook. She was pleasant to be with, always having faith in the Lord and the thought that everything would work out all right.

Children of David and Clarissa were:  
Mrs. Fetcher (Clarissa Florence) Arthur  
David William  
Luke Alma, married Mary Trysha Vail  
George Ammon  
Mary Malinda, died in early youth

## MIDWAY BIOGRAPHIES

Cynthia Loretta, died in early youth  
Mrs. Frank (Acie Lovilla) Giles  
Mrs. Ray (Trella May) Giles 669  
Earl Drell, married Freda E. Roylance